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9. [REDACTED] Talked to Senator Stuart Symington who thanked me for the material which I brought over to him from Carl Duckett on Friday. He then proceeded to warn me about the dangers of Duckett's material being used by the proponents of the Trident program in a partisan context. I assured him we were keenly aware of this hazard and Duckett in his briefings of Stennis, Jackson, et al, would follow precisely the same lines he had already followed in his briefing of Symington. Symington then read me at length from a paper he described as having been prepared last year by a leading expert on the strategic missile balance which concluded that the kind of increases in the strength of the respective Soviet and American missile capabilities that were then under way were "irrelevant" since neither side were in sight of achieving a first strike capability. Symington concluded with a remark that to involve the growing Soviet land based missile capabilities in the debate on Trident was "mixing apples and oranges."

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